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In re Application of: ) Group Art Unit: 2182  
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Serial No.: 10/003,495 ) Examiner: Kim, Harold  
Filed: Oct. 22, 2001 )  
For: Module and Unified Network )  
Backplane Interface )  
for Local Networks )

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REPLY/AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir/Madam:

Applicant hereby responds to the Office Action of July 5, 2005, in the above-referenced patent application. Reconsideration and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks. New matter has been added.

The undersigned has been authorized to respond to the Office Action. Fee check in amount of \$450 for nine additional dependent claims is enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge deposit account no. 502566 for any deficiencies or other fees required for this filing.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. **Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.

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